

I object to Sinclair Corporations transparent attempts to publicize political views under the guise of news. Because of their holdings and direct influence over media outlets in major markets, they are able to advance their political aims by illegally broadcasting misleading and biased programs within days of the presidential election, without providing equal time for countering political viewpoints. Fahrenheit 9/11, Going Upriver, and several other programs have been offered to them for broadcast to balance their expected offering, but they have refused to provide equal time.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. They provide a forewarning of the dangers of allowing single companies to control all the major media outlets in their respective markets. Please do something about this; the general public is not equipped to discern hype from real news. Thank you.